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In re Application of:

Gregory A. Holmes

Appln No: 10/713,569

Examiner: Mayes, Dionne Walls

Filed: November 13, 2003

Group Art Unit: 1731

For: Equipment and Methods for  
Manufacturing Cigarettes

Attorney Docket No.: 11867/24

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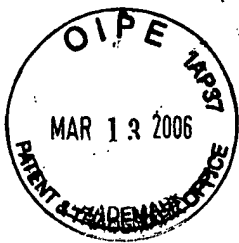
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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as below and consider the following remarks.

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.